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SAINT LUCIA.

IMMIGRATION DEPARTMENT,

CASTRIES, 30TH SEPTEMBER, 1889.

His Honour,

R. B. LLEWELYN, Esquire, C.M.G.,

Administrator of the Government.

Sir,

I have the honour to submit the report of the Immigration Department of the Colony for the year 1888.

2. The subjoined Table shows the Indian Immigrant population under Indenture on the 31st December, 1888.

	Adult.		Minor.		Children.	Total.
	M.	F.	M.	F.		
Alive 31st December 1887	437	188	17	8	224	874
Born in 1888					38	38
					262	912
Died in 1888	17	3	1	1		22
	420	185	16	7	262	890
Sent to Calcutta in 1888	13	7	1		7	28
	407	178	15	7	255	862
Absconded in 1888	3	1				4
Alive on 31st December 1888	404	177	15	7	255	858

3. The Birth-rate for the year was 4.34 per cent, and the Death-rate 2.41 per cent. In 1887 the Birth-rate was 3.56 per cent, and the Death-rate 2.88 per cent, showing a manifest improvement in both rates for 1888. The average Birth-rate for the preceding ten years was 3.69. So that the Birth-rate of last year, 4.34, was an advance on the ten years' average. The Death-rate also was in favourable contrast to the ten years' average, being 2.41 against 3.53. It is worthy of note that of the 38 births, not one of the infants died; nor did any other child die.

4. The year was chiefly remarkable for the completion of the ten years term of industrial residence by the Coolies that arrived in the *Leonidas* in 1878. Early in the year they were enrolled, to ascertain how many would take bounty or land, and remain permanently in St. Lucia, and how many would take back passage to India. The bounty given to able bodied adults, both male and female, was £10 each, and one half of that sum to minors. Feeble persons received less, and nothing was given to those under 10 years of age, that is, to those that were born in the island. The sum of £2,272 10 was distributed among 254 Indians, the bulk receiving £10 each. No land was taken.

5. On the 5th of September the ship *Moy* took on board 327 Return Immigrants, and sailed next day for Trinidad to make up her complement of passengers, before proceeding to India. Previous to embarkation, seventy five of the Indians deposited £1,832 4 11, to be transmitted to India. The largest single deposit was £70. The people were abundantly supplied at the cost of the Colony with clothing and blankets for the voyage, the "Cottons" being put into their hands on shore, and the "Woollens" given in charge to Dr. Holman, the Surgeon Superintendent of the ship, to be distributed on the ship's entering the cold latitudes.

6. Early in the year, to prevent the threatened mischief that arises from jealousy, a man and a woman were exchanged from Crown Lands for a man and a woman from Ressource and La Caye.

7. In the middle of the year, a small lot of Coolies who had been introduced in the *Poonah*, were removed, at the request of the proprietor, from Malgré Tout, and located at Ressource.

8. In the Roseau Valley there are three Estates. One, Peru, was considered so unhealthy for residence, that the Coolies were allowed to work its fields, but not to live on it. They lived at "Coolie Town" among the lot that belonged to Roseau Proper. But they gradually fell into such poor health that it became necessary to disallow their even working at Peru. After this, an immediate improvement appeared, and in six months they were in as good condition as the rest.

A Coolie, indentured to Marquis Estate, was found in a street of Castries early one morning, evidently strangled. No clue has been found to the murderer.

The usual Tables are appended.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your Honour's Obedient and Humble Servant,

R. P. CROPPER,

Protector of Immigrants.

A.

Table showing the Work and Wages of Indentured Indian Immigrants on 11 Estates, during the Year ended 31st December, 1888.

ESTATES.	MEN.								WOMEN.							
	No. of Men	Total Days	Average days of each	Ditto per week.	Total Earnings	Average Earnings of each	Ditto per week	Per day of each	No. of Women	Total Days	Average days of each	Ditto per week.	Total Earnings	Average Earnings of each	Ditto per week.	Per day of each.
					£ s. d.	£ s. d.	s. d.	s. d.					£ s. d.	£ s. d.	s. d.	s. d.
Crown Lands...	96	17815	185 57	3 57	954 14 4	9 18 10¾	3 9¼	1 0¼	45	7384	164 09	3 15	805 13 6½	6 13 7½	2 6¼	0 9¾
La Caye	45	9893	219 84	4 22	525 8 6½	11 13 6¼	4 5¼	1 0¼	15	3226	215 06	4.13	134 13 7	8 19 6¾	3 5¼	0 10
Marquis	18	3895	216.39	4 16	204 10 1	11 7 4	4 4½	1 0½	5	868	173 06	3 34	32 12 2½	6 10 5¼	2 6	0 9
Mont d'Or	24	4139	172.45	3.31	208 11 3	8 13 9½	3 4	1 0	8	1256	157	3 03	59 17 6	7 9 8¼	2 10½	0 11¼
Mont Lezard	11	2466	224 18	4 31	128 0 10	11 12 9½	4 5¼	1 0¼	3	379	126.33	2 33	14 7 9	4 15 11	1 10	0 9
Morne Courbaril	6	1235	205 83	3 95	64 14 4	10 15 8½	4 1¾	1 0½	1	117	117	2.25	4 10 1	4 10 1	1 8¾	0 9
Ressource	43	8840	205.58	3 95	452 4 10	10 10 4	4 0½	1 0¼	19	3589	188.89	3 63	134 14 6	7 1 9¾	2 8¾	0 9
Retraite	7	1196	170 85	3 28	60 17 2	8 13 10½	3 4	1 0¼	1	153	153	3 00	5 17 1½	5 17 1½	2 3	0 9
Richefond	46	8316	157 3	3.8	443 0 8	9 12 7¼	3 8¼	1 0¼	13	1921	147 77	2.84	73 10 5	5 13 1½	2 2	0 9
Rosean	53	9185	173 3	3 33	476 8 6	8 19 7	3 5¼	1 0¼	10	1193	119 3	2.89	68 1 10	6 13 2	2 7¼	0 10¾
Ruby	3	623	207 33	3 98	31 15 10	10 11 11½	4 0¼	1 0¼								

Highest Earnings £19 13 6 for 297 days and Extras
Largest Number of days 332. £16 19,-

B.

RETURN showing the Number of Births among the Indentured Indian Immigrants during the Year 1888.

Districts	Indian Immigrant Population.	Number of Births.	Rate per 1000
1st	488	19	38.93
2nd	25	3	120
3rd	43	—	—
4th	318	16	50·31
	874	38	43.47

C.

RETURN showing the Number of Deaths among the Indentured Indian Immigrants during the Year 1888.

Date 1888.		Deaths Adult M	Deaths Adult F	Deaths Non. Adults	Total	Indian Population	Rate per 1000	Cause of Death	Place of Death	Place of Indenture.
								FIRST MEDICAL DISTRICT.		
Jan.	22	1			1			Anæmia	Vict. Hospital	Marquis
Feb.	3			1	1			"	"	Crown Lands
Mar.	13		1		1			Emphysema (Lungs.)	"	"
"	18		1		1			Pneumonia	"	Roseau
"	27	1			1			Hanged	Castries Gaol	Crown Lands
May	28	1			1			Diarrhœa	Vict. Hospital	Roseau
June	12	1			1			Debility	Lunatic Asylum	"
"	16		1		1			Serpent Bite	Vict. Hospital	Marquis
"	18	1			1			Suicide	Castries Gaol	Crown Lands
July	2	1			1			"	Castries P. Stat'n	"
"	7	1			1			Pneumonia	Vict. Hospital	Roseau
Sept.	4	1			1			Murdered	Castries	Marquis
		8	3	1	12	507	23.66			
						28		SECOND MEDICAL DISTRICT.		
								Nil	Nil	Nil
						43		THIRD MEDICAL DISTRICT.		
								Nil	Nil	Nil
								FOURTH MEDICAL DISTRICT.		
Feb.	29	1			1			Apoplexy	Dennery Hospital	La Caye
April	5	1			1			Dropsy	" "	"
May	18	1			1			Albaminuria	" "	"
"	31	1			1			Heart Disease	" "	Richefond
June	8	1			1			Cachexia	" "	"
Sept.	3	1			1			Pneumonia	" "	La Caye
"	23	1			1			Serpent Bite	" "	"
Oct.	17			1	1			Anæmia	" "	Richefond
"	29	1			1			Suicide	" "	Resource
Dec.	16	1			1			Dysentery	" "	Richefond
		9		1	10	334	29.94			
		17	3	2	22	912	24.12			

D.

Analysis of Causes of Deaths and Localities.

No.	Diseases.	District. I	II.	III.	IV.	Total.
1	Albuminuria				1	1
3	Anæmia	2			1	3
1	Apoplexy				1	1
1	Cachexia				1	1
1	Debility	1				1
1	Diarrhœa...	1				1
1	Dropsy				1	1
1	Dysentery				1	1
1	Emphysema of Lungs	1				1
1	Hanged	1				1
1	Heart disease				1	1
1	Murdered	1				1
3	Pneumonia	2			1	3
2	Serpent Bite	1			1	2
3	Suicide	2			1	3
22		12			10	22

E. and F.

VICTORIA HOSPITAL.

Indentured Indian Immigrants admitted for the Year ended 31st December 1888.

DISEASES TREATED.	January—June. Cured.	Relieved.	Died.	Under treatment.	July—December. Cured.	Relieved.	Died.	Under treatment.
Abscess	4				3			
Anæmia and Splenitis	119			20	132	2	1	13
Burn	1							
Disease of Bones and Joints	1			2	2	1		
„ „ Chest	28		3	1	40	1		
„ „ Digestive Organs	23		1		17	2		3
„ „ Eyes and Ears	1				15			
„ „ Genito Urinary Organs	4				10			
„ „ Nervous System	7				5	1		
„ „ Skin	10	4		1	8	1		3
Fractures and Dislocations...				2	1			
Fever	76		1	10	144	1		8
Rheumatism...	7				3	1		
Syphilis	3			1	4	1		
Ulcers	27				38	3		5
Wounds and Contusions	16	1		1	13			
Miscellaneous	103				140			4
Serpent Bite...			1		1			

C. DENNEHY,

Colonial Surgeon.

G & H.

Return of Indentured Immigrants admitted to the Soufriere Hospital. Diseases and Results—for year 1888.

Diseases.	January—June.				July—December.			
	Cured.	Remain.	Died.	Remain.	Cured.	Relieved.	Died.	Remain.
Fevers	11				3			1
Ulcer	1							
Disease of Respiratory Organs	3							
" Digestive "	1							
" Skin	1	2						
Pregnancy...	1				1			
Confinement	1				1			
Serpent Bite	1							
Miscellaneous	3				2			
Total.....	23	2			7			1

S. FITZGERALD PROCTOR,

Immigration Medical Officer.

K & L.

Immigrants treated at the Vieux-Fort Hospital for the year 1888.

Diseases.	January—June.			July—December.		
	No. of patients.	Cured.	Total.	No. of patients.	Cured.	Total.
Fever (Malarial)	6	6	6	9	9	9
Venereal	1	1	1			
Spleen	1	1	1			
Ear	1	1	1			
Respiratory	1	1	1			
Rheumatism	1	1	1			
Worms	1	1	1	*3	3	3
Sprains	1	1	1			
Burns	1	1	1			
Onychia	1	1	1			
Digestive System				1	1	1
Not sick				6	6	6
Total	...	...	15	...	...	19

* The worms cases occurred in the same person.

J. A. LESTRADE,

Colonial Assistant Surgeon.

M. and N.

Report showing the diseases treated amongst Indentured Immigrants at Dennery Hospital during the year 1888.

DISEASES.	January—June.				July—December.			
	Discharged.		Died.	Under treatment at the end of December 1888.	Discharged.		Died.	Under treatment at the end of December 1888.
	Cured.	Relieved.			Cured.	Relieved.		
Diseases of the Lungs	4			1	4	2	1	2
" " " Heart		1	2				1	
" " " Skin				1	2			1
" " " Bones and Joints ...	1				3			1
" " " Spleen					1			
" " " Digestive Organs ...	3				6			
" " " Ears and Eyes	1				2			1
Fevers	48		1	5	40			4
Ulcers	8			2	18			1
Venerial Diseases	3				4			1
Dysentery					1		1	2
Anæmia and Debility	1	3	1	2	13	6		4
Contusions Burns and Bruises	2				2			
Cutting and Wounding	9							
Abscess	1				2			
Albuminuria			1					
Accouchements	1				2			
Serpent's bite	1						1	
Miscellaneous	1				4			

VICTOR TABONE,
Colonial Assistant Surgeon.

O.

Return showing the number of Complaints brought before the Stipendiary Magistrates by Employers against Indentured Indian Immigrants during the year 1888.

District.	No. of Cases.	Nature of Complaints.	Non Conviction	Conviction.	Punishment.	Result.
I.	59	Refuse to work	31	28	1 — 2/6 and costs, or 2 days Imp. H. L.	Paid
					1 — 1/- " " "	"
					1 — Reprimanded.	..
					2 — 5/- and 1/6 cost or 7 " "	Imprisoned
					4 — 10/- and costs or 7 " "	Paid
					4 — 10/- " 7 " "	Imprisoned
					2 — 20/- " 14 " "	Paid
					5 — 5/- " 3 " "	"
					5 — 5/- " 7 " "	Imprisoned
					2 — 5/- " 5 " "	Paid
					1 — 8/- " 7 " "	Imprisoned
	13	Absent from estate	7	6	2 — 10/- " 14 " "	"
					3 — 40/- " or 1 month Imp. "	"
					1 — 20/- " 14 days Imp. "	"
	17	Absent from work	17			
	3	Leaving estate without leave	1	2	1 — 10/- " 14 " "	"
					1 — 40/- " or 1 month Imp. "	"
	7	Assault and beat	6	1	1 — 40/- " " "	"
	4	Desertion	1	3	2 — 20/- " or 14 days Imp. "	1 Pd. 1 Imp.
					1 — 40/- " or 3 weeks Imp. "	Imprisoned
	103		63	40		
II.		Nil.			Nil.	
III.	3	Refuse to work	3	1	20/- and costs or 15 days Imp. H. L.	Imprisoned
	1	Desertion				
	1	Absent from work	1			
	5		4	1		
	108		67	41		

P

Return showing the number of Complaints brought before the Stipendiary Magistrates by Indentured Indian Immigrants against Employers during the year 1888.

District.	No of Cases	Nature of Complaint	Non Conviction	Conviction.	Punishment.	Result.
I.	10	Withholding wages .	8	2 { 1 / 1	Ordered to give Witness one day's pay The Complainant was ordered to pay 5/- or be imprisoned for 7 days, for bringing a frivolous charge	Paid Imprisoned
	6	Assault and beat	6			
	16		14	2		
II.		Nil.			Nil.	
III.		Nil.			Nil.	
	16		14	2		

R

STATEMENT of the Rates of Wages, Price of food, and other matters affecting the condition of the Indian Immigrants in this Colony in the Year 1888.

WAGES.

FIELD LABOUR—BY TIME

Men	1 shilling per day of 9 hours
Woman	9 pence " "

FIELD LABOUR—BY TASK.

Holing—100 to 150 holes	1 shilling
Cross-holing—80 to 90 holes	do.
Weeding—130 to 160 do.	do.
Cutting—200 do.	do.
A woman's task is 1/5th to 1/4th less than a man's ...	
Time usually occupied	5 to 7 hours

IN THE MILL.

Men—1 shilling per day of 9 hours, with 3d. to 6d. extra for breakfast hour
Woman—9 pence, with 2d. or 3d. extra for do.

The extra is given to keep the mill going continuously; but the labourers are allowed, one by one, to take a hasty meal.

IN THE BOILING HOUSE.

Men—1 shilling and 6 pence, or 2 shillings when the work is carried far into night.
Stock-keepers, Carters, &c.—1 shilling per day.

Children engaged in light work earn from 3d to 6d per day. The task of the Creole labourer is larger than that of the Indian, and the pay is higher. Where the Immigrant (male) earns 1/- the Creole earns 1/3; and where the Immigrant (female) earns 9d, the Creole earns 10d.

FOOD.

Fish, salted	3d to 4d per lb.
" " (herrings)	2d " "
" fresh	4d to 6d " "
Beef	7d " "
Mutton	9d " "
Pork	8d " "
Poultry	9d " "
Rice	2d " "
Farine Manioc	1½d " "
Wheat Flour	2½d " "
Wheaten Bread	3d " "
Vegetables	1d " "
Oil, Olive—1½ pint	9d " "
Butter, coarse	1s 4d " "
Sugar (Muscovado	2d " "

DWELLINGS,

Immigrants are provided with dwellings free of charge.

GARDEN GROUND,

By contract, Immigrants obtain ½ acre of land, each, for a garden. But on most Estates there is no measurement or limitation, and no objection would be raised if a Coolie were to cultivate two acres. Besides cultivating their gardens, a few of the most industrious Coolies grow canes on shares (halves) with the Estate on which they reside.

DOCTOR, MEDICINE, AND HOSPITAL,

Immigrants are visited on Estates, regularly once a month, and at any special call. When sick, they are prescribed for on the Estates or sent to Hospital; medical attendance and medicine being free

Agricultural and other labourers (not Coolies) have gardens and dwellings free of charge. There are dispensaries at convenient distances all over the Island, visited weekly by Government Medical Officers. At these dispensaries all such labourers receive Medical advice and Medicines free.

And to any of the Hospitals of the Colony no admission is refused, except on the ground of the nature of the disease.